

CLERK: Mr. President IB 632 was introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor. (Read title of LB 632). The bill was read on April 21 and referred to the Appropriations Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, there are Appropriation Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to handle the Appropriations Committee amendments?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments, unless there is objection from the committee dealt with the proposal that did have a hearing and it would have, at that time, established. . . in the event the receipts exceeded projections, a special fund which the Legislature next year could appropriate, if it saw fit, with the emergency clause, a salary adjustment. Perhaps since we do not know as yet what the outcome of the veto is going to be, it is my understanding, that as a committee amendment, it can be offered on Select File and still be consistent with the rules covering the committee amendment. So if no one objects on the committee, I would ask not to adopt the committee amendment at this time and would move that the bill be advanced. I withdraw the other two amendments that I have and then immediately refile all of them after the bill is advanced. If there is no objection I will withdraw all three.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection to the withdrawing of the amendments? If not, so ordered. The motion now is properly to advance the bill I guess. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I move that LB 632 be advanced. This is the bill introduced by Senator Nichol on behalf of the Governor which adjusts the salary, excuse me, adjusts the insurance premiums that the state pays on behalf of state employees reflecting the increase that the new bids call for. The total cost. . . well under the provisions introduced by the Governor the state picks up the full cost of the increase under the three options that the state has. The cost of the bill as far as state employees, under the state personnel system is \$2,327,000. In addition the Governor had recommended that the state colleges increase in their health insurance as well as the University of Nebraska also be funded and that the public hearing indicated that those appropriations could properly be added to the A bill for the university and the state colleges and the total then for the A bills is four and a half million but the substantive bill, 632 itself only covers state employees reflect in the increase in the health insurance premiums and it is about a 27% increase. I move the bill be advanced.